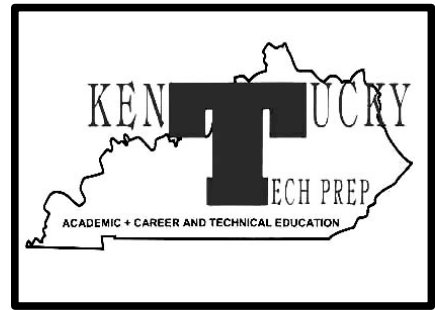


Tech Prep Benefits



Rapid advances in technology have brought significant changes in the educational needs of the labor force. Tech Prep programs prepare people with an advanced academic and technical education for the ever-changing demand in the workforce. Tech Prep:

- provides a coherent sequence of academic-technical courses within secondary and postsecondary without duplication.
- raises the expectations and standards for student performance.
- uses educational technology and distance learning to involve secondary and postsecondary partners to improve the Tech Prep program.
- addresses the issue of school dropout prevention.
- restructures academic-technical curriculum to encourage more rigorous academic and technical preparation.
- provides a comprehensive career guidance program that includes planning and assessment for secondary and postsecondary students, as well as placement upon program completion into additional education and/or employment.
- provides transferable skills in using computers and other modern technologies, as well as workplace readiness skills.
- reinforces collaboration between technical and academic teachers.
- articulates between secondary and postsecondary.